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Proposals for a multi-year programme of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 1999/51 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the Economic and Social Council requested the functional commissions to adopt a multi-year programme of work. The annex to the present note contains the actual agenda items for 2000 and proposed agendas for 2001-2003, in abbreviated form, which constitute a multi-year programme of work (the items listed for 2001 coincide with the items listed in document E/CN.3/2000/L.3/Rev.1 but may need to be adjusted in the light of decisions that the Commission will make when it considers that document; this may also lead to some modifications to the proposals for 2002 and 2003).

2. The multi-year programme of work is proposed to be implemented along the lines set out by the ad hoc group established by the Statistical Commission to explore new approaches to its structure and operation (see E/CN.3/1999/23, in particular para. 13) and adopted by the Commission at its thirtieth session. The ad hoc group identified various roles for preparation of Commission documents, in particular the role of "programme reviewer": the ad hoc group considered that countries should act in that capacity. The Commission may wish to select one or two agenda items for 2001 and try to implement the recommendations of the ad hoc group on an experimental basis.

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Annex

Proposed multi-year work programme for the Statistical Commission (proposals for the agenda of the Statistical Commission reflecting annual meetings)

Agenda item	*2000*	*2001*	*2002*	*2003*
1. Demographic and social statistics				
(a) Population and housing censuses				
(b) Gender issues				
(c) Other demographic and social statistics, including migration				
(i) Poverty statistics	√		√	
(ii) Social statistics	√	√		√
2. Economic statistics				
(a) National accounts	√	√	√	√
(b) Industrial statistics			√	
(c) Energy statistics				
(d) International trade statistics	√			√
(e) Statistics of international trade in services	√	√		√
(f) Tourism statistics	√			√
(g) Finance statistics	√			√
(h) International Comparison Programme	√	√		√
(i) City groups				
(i) Household income statistics	√		√	
(ii) Informal sector statistics	√		√	
(iii) Capital stock statistics	√	√		
(iv) Price indexes/price statistics	√	√	√	√
(v) Labour and compensation statistics	√		√	
(vi) Business survey frames	√			
(vii) Service statistics	√			
(viii) Intangibles	√			
3. Natural resources and environment statistics				
(a) Environment statistics		√	√	√
(b) Environmental accounting	√	√		
4. Activities not classified by field				
(a) Development indicators	√	√	√	√
(b) International economic and social classifications	√			
(c) Other elements of the work of the United Nations Statistics Division	√	√	√	√
(d) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes	√	√	√	√

Agenda item	*2000*	*2001*	*2002*	*2003*
(e) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions	√	√	√	√
(f) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division (12-year work programme, 4-year medium-term plan	√	√	√	√
(g) Special Data Dissemination Standard/General Data Dissemination Standard and data quality	√		√	
(h) Methodological development	√	√		√
(i) Statistical analysis		√		
(j) Estimation of non-reported data				√
(k) Information technology (e-commerce) and statistics		√		
(l) Dissemination of statistics			√	
(m) Technical cooperation		√		
(n) Issues of statistical organization			√	
(o) Management issues in national statistical offices				√
Total number of items	**26**	**19**	**20**	**19**